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SUBJ: MINFINANCE QUERY RE US WHEAT ASSISTANCE IN 1977

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1. VERY LATE LAST SATURDAY NIGHT, I RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM MINFANCE ABU ISMAIL ABOUT PL-480 WHEAT FOR EGYPT IN CY-1977. HE CLAIMED FAHMY HAD TOLD HIM TWO MILLION TONS WHEAT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR EGYPT DURING THAT PERIOD. WHEN I TOLD HIM THE FIGURE WAS ONE MILLION TONS, ABU ISMAIL MADE STRONG PITCH THAT THE AMOUNT BE INCREASED TO TWO MILLION, USING SAME ARGUMENTS THAT MINSUPPLY ZAKARIA TEWFIK ABDEL FATTAH HAS EMPLOYED IN THE PAST. ABU ISMAIL SAID HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD FORMER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ HAD "PROMISED" FORMER MINSUPPLY TWO MILLION TONS OF WHEAT. I TOLD HIM WE HAD CHECKED WITH FORMER SECRETARY BUTZ'S OFFICE AND HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT NO SUCH COMMITMENT HAD BEEN MADE, AND ALSO AGAIN EXPLAINED TO ABU ISMAIL WHY WE CANNOT ACCEDE TO THE EGYPTIAN REQUEST. I REMINDED HIM EGYPT IS ALREADY ONE OF LARGEST RECIPIENTS PL-480 WHEAT. AFTER TEN MINUTES OF URGING, HE FINALLY ACCEPTED MY RESPONSE. IT TURNED OUT THAT ABU ISMAIL WAS HARD AT WORK PREPARING

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THE 1977 FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUDGET FOR CONSIDERATION AT

YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING.

2. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO CONGRATULATE ABU ISMAIL ON HIS ELECTORAL VICTORY. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY DELIGHTED AT HIS SUCCESS, NOTING HE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 41,000 VOTES IN HIS DISTRICT. HE CLAIMED THIS IS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED BY ANY CANDIDATE.
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